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SUBJECT: CLOSER CDU/ CSU COOPERATION: NEW CDU BUSINESS
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1. SUMMARY: IN THEIR FIRST JOINT MEETING (JUNE 25)
SINCE HELMUT KOHL' S ELECTION AS CDU NATIONAL CHAIRMAN,
THE TOP CDU AND CSU LEADERSHIPS ASSERTED THAT THEY PLAN
AND DESIRE EVEN CLOSER AND MORE INTENSIVE COOPERATION
BETWEEN THE UNION PARTIES. THEIR GOAL IS WINNING THE
1976 GENERAL ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. APPEARING BEFORE THE PRESS AFTER THE MEETING, HELMUT
KOHL AND FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS IDENTIFIED MEDIA POLICY AS
WELL AS PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AS AREAS OF MAIN
UNION CONCERN. FURTHER, THEY EXPLAINED THAT THE WORK OF
BOTH PARTIES, THE CDU/ CSU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY AND THOSE
STATES GOVERNED BY THE CDU OR CSU, IS TO BE SO COORDIN-
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ATED THAT CLEAR ALTERNATIVES WOULD EMERGE IN ORDER TO
ALLOW THE UNION PARTIES TO ONCE AGAIN ASSUME RESPONSIBI-
LITY FOR GOVERNING THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN 1976. THEY
ANNOUNCED THAT A CONGRESS OF BOTH PARTIES ON MEDIA POLICY

WOULD BE CALLED NEXT YEAR. STRAUSS SAID FURTHER THAT THE CDU/ CSU PARLIAMENTARY PARTY WOULD INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO GIVE THE FEDERATION OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR NATURE AND WATER PROTECTION, BUT THAT THE STATES WOULD BE CHARGED WITH CARRYING OUT CONCRETE MEASURES. APPARENTLY, THE CDU AND CSU LEADERSHIPS ALSO DISCUSSED THE VERY RECENTLY INITIALLED TREATY WITH THE CSSR. STRAUSS SAID THAT THIS TREATY HAD BEEN CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED AND WAS A BALANCED TREATY. HOWEVER, THE UNION STILL HAD SEVERAL RESERVATIONS. KOHL TOLD THE PRESS THAT THE JUNE 25 CONVERSATIONS HAD BEEN " VERY SATISFACTORY".

3. FOLLOWING THE JOINT MEETING, THE CDU LEADERSHIP MET TO APPOINT KARL- HEINZ BILKE AS CDU BUSINESS MANAGER IN PLACE OF OTTFRIED HENNIG. BILKE, 39 HAS WORKED IN CDU HEADQUARTERS SINCE 1962 AND MOST RECENTLY HEADED UP THE POLICY DIVISION WHILE ACTING AS DEPUTY BUSINESS MANAGER. HE IS KNOWN TO BE CLOSE TO HELMUT KOHL. BILKE WAS A FY 1970 LEADER GRANTEE. HILLENBRAND

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